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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORDS

**SUBJECT: Selection of Areas Considered Most Feasible
for Unconventional Warfare Purposes**

BACKGROUND

At the present time there exists considerable diversity of opinion as to what actually constitutes an unconventional warfare area. A basic factor which contributes to the lack of standardization is the fact that Unconventional Warfare as a field actually embraces three distinct and different activities - Guerrilla warfare, Subversion and Evacuation and Escape. Within the three services differences in composition and mission have led to development of unilateral concepts for specific aspects of Unconventional Warfare which are of major concern to each respective service.

The Department of the Army with primary of interest in Guerrilla Warfare has concentrated on plans for the development of Special Force components designed to be employed in enemy areas to carry out UW missions. Primary mission is Guerrilla Warfare and the recruiting organizing and employing of indigenous forces. The end objective is to establish maximum possible control of indigenous areas. Secondary mission will be to develop a capability to support evasion and escape activities.

The Department of the Air Force with primary of interest in Evacuation and Escape has concentrated on plans, procedures and support designed to deny denied airways to the enemy and to accomplish eventual recovery of such personnel.

The Department of the Navy also with a major interest in Evacuation and Escape has proceeded along lines similar to the other.

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This Memorandum, drafted by AFMIB, has been coordinated and informally approved by Col. Dixon, Chief of the OW Division for the Army and by [redacted] of CIA. This Memorandum will constitute the written guidance or frame of reference when the requirement for the feasibility study is given to ORR/OR.

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Through the unified commands the respective service components have placed upon CIA requirements for development of clandestine assets to perform various types of missions such as [redacted]

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